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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Record of Meeting with Col. Procter, SAC

1. In order to assist the SAC follow-on group's program, a meeting was held 11 September at this Headquarters with Col. Procter and Lt. Col. Heron of SAC to discuss a number of salient points with the purpose of helping the follow-on group expedite their program.

2. Col. Procter gave approval for our use of the first Air Force U-2 which has already been delivered to [redacted] provided Col. Yanow gave his concurrence.

3. Mr. Bissell gave approval for SAC to have 21 people at [redacted] during the month of September and assured Col. Procter that if [redacted] personnel and other [redacted] personnel could be decreased in numbers, SAC could have more people there. Also after deployment of Detachment G, it will be possible to handle up to possibly 120 people for the SAC program. The SAC program no doubt will have five airplanes at [redacted] by 1 January. Since their No. 1 will be taken over by us there will be no hurry for their staff or pilots to be on board. However, they do want to get as soon as possible their maintenance personnel, both crew, airman and officers in charge of maintenance, at [redacted]. This will be the first contingent to arrive. SAC does not want to have their Air Force pilots and the Aquatone contract pilots at [redacted] at the same time, so it is anticipated that the SAC pilots will be withheld from [redacted] until Detachment G finishes its training.

4. It is anticipated that the SAC people may have to remain on until the middle of February or until they get a permanent XI site. Accordingly it is appropriate that Aquatone budget and plan to operate [redacted] support facilities, i.e. housing, messing, transportation, etc. at its present strength.

5. Col. Procter stated that their program had been presented to the Air Staff this date. Their program had requested a permanent site other than [redacted] one such site being Del Rio, Texas. As soon as they are given a permanent site we will be notified.

6. Col. Procter stated that when they can finalize a little more definitely on their planning he will give us a copy in accordance with agreements between our people and theirs at a previous meeting.

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25X1 7. The security aspects of their program will be presented for our approval and will cover pertinent factors involved in their permanent base site. Supplies for their aircraft are being received and stored at [] When the permanent site is chosen, such supplies will be relocated and sanitized in such a manner that personnel at their base will not know where the supplies come from or be able to tie in their program with ours.

8. Col. Proctor agreed to conduct the closing out R & D aspect of our program. These activities were described as possible testing on the C camera and System h. Also we may have an occasional pilot replacement for training. Col. Proctor requested that any such replacement pilots be recruited and trained in uniform. After their training is finished they can be dropped from the Air Force and picked up as civilian contract pilots for our units. This we will look into, but I see no reason why we cannot follow this approach.

25X1 9. SAC wished to know how many of our people would be attached to their permanent base after we cease operations at [] suggested a maximum of 20, which SAC bought readily.

10. Col. Rhodameer said that the Air Force was considering naming their follow-on group the 3rd Weather Wing. The U-2 program would be so assigned to this 3rd Weather Wing that it could in no way be tied in with our activity. This arrangement seemed workable to us and our Security people. Once the Air Force finalizes better on its program we will be in a position to give complete approval.

25X1 11. It was explained that Detachment C would deploy beginning the week of 12 November provided we had a place for them to go. We stated that we had our eye on the Far East, namely [] but we realized that Black Night was located there and Gen. Xater was trying to maneuver us into Korea. SAC pointed out that the question of Detachment C's deployment was the biggest stumbling block to the SAC program at present. If Detachment C has no place to go and is not deployed from [] 25X1 the SAC program cannot be trained there, so SAC's program is held up. 25X1 If Detachment C deploys to the Far East [] then Air Force's 25X1 Black Night program has to be moved and they are part of the Air Force over-all overflight program. If C deploys from [] but cannot go 25X1 to [] then a base has to be made ready for them and until it is ready they will have to be housed at [] and this again delays the SAC program. This "bind" was explained to Mr. Bissell who said he would see Gen. Cabell as soon as possible (trying this week) to press for a decision with the Air Force on Detachment C's location in the Far East.

25X1 12. A further point brought up was the funding for additional food costs at [] for the Air Force group. This was presented to

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Mr. Bissell and although no firm decision was made, he said he was inclined to go ahead with the Agency continuing to pay the service charges at [] inasmuch as SAC and the Air Force are paying for LF-1A, engines, and many other indirect costs in the program. Possibly a firm decision on this can be reached in the very near future.

13. It was decided that the next meeting between Col. Proctor and this Headquarters would be on 2 October, here.

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